

REMARKSIn the Claims

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been canceled. Claims 3-4 and 7-8 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has found claims 3-4 and 7-8, if rewritten in independent form, to be allowable, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter is believed to have been added.

The Applicants note that amendment of claim 8 to include the term "composition" after the term "An improved durable press finish" corrects an inadvertent omission of the term during the response to the restriction requirement, though this term was present in the claims as originally filed.

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants thank the Examiner for review of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited references and for return of the initialed PTO 1449. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for his indication that he will forward to the Applicants a copy of the English-language translation he has requested, as indicated in the Office Action.

Response to Preliminary Amendment

The Applicants note the Examiner comments regarding claim identifiers and have endeavored to conform to current Patent Office guidelines in the present response.

Claim Objections

The Applicants suggest that the objections to claims 1 and 2 are rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. The Applicants therefore request the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Derwent Abstract No. 1985-139625, which is an abstract of Soviet Union Patent Specification No. 1122763A. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

However, in order to advance prosecution and in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 3-4 and 7-8 would be allowable if amended to include the subject matter of the independent claim and any intervening claims, the Applicants have canceled claims 1-2 and 5-6, thus rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. **400752002700**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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